

REMARKS

The present application is a division of copending parent Application No. 09/112,318, filed on July 9, 1998.

Original Claims 1-10 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

~~Original~~ Claims 29-43 have been added.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present divisional application is respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

The information listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was cited in the parent Application No. 09/112,318, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of those documents. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) and MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Applicant also respectfully directs the Examiner's

attention to the following related U.S. applications which were cited during the prosecution of the parent application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
08/502,764	July 14, 1995	2612
08/778,102	January 2, 1997	2724

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), copies of the above-cited applications have not been enclosed, nor have the applications been listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully directed to Patent and Trademark Office files for review of those applications.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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